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DESIGN FOR DISK DRIVE FLUID  
DYNAMICS BEARING SPINDLE  
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Sir:

This response is submitted to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 25, 2004.

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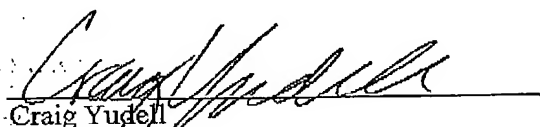
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**REMARKS****Election/Restrictions**

In the present Office Action, Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants elect Claims 3, 4 and 11-14, which are directed to the species of Figure 2 in the present application. Applicants maintain that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fee is required by this amendment; however, in the event any additional fee is required, please charge such fee to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,



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